



# Kiwi Travel & Tours

2008

## 18 DAY NEW ZEALAND COACH TOUR

- Free Airport transfers
- 17 nights
- Accommodation and Breakfasts; dinners where stated
- Auckland City
- The Kauri Museum
- Waipoua Kauri Forest
- Hokianga
- Footsteps in the Sand
- Waitangi Treaty House
- Cape Brett/Hole in the Rock Cruise
- Beautiful Bay of Islands
- Whangarei
- Mount Maunganui
- Rotorua
- Taupo
- Turangi
- Wellington
- Christchurch
- Tranz Alpine Express
- Milford Sounds
- Penguin Colony

### Day #1

Arrive in New Zealand at Auckland International Airport. You will be met upon arrival and taken to your accommodation in Auckland City. Your afternoon is at leisure prior to joining your tour group in the morning

### Day #2

This morning your coach will depart Auckland and travel North along the Twin Coast Highway to the Bay of Islands. As we travel north we will visit The Kauri Gum Museum. This houses a significant part of New Zealand's history and you could stay here for hours. Tonight, you will stay at Hokianga and enjoy a magical night time experience with Footprints In The Sand. This will take you back to a time when Maori first arrived in New Zealand. This is not to be missed. The Hokianga is considered to be one of the oldest settlements for Maori and is still the heartland for the people. Meet the mighty Tane Mahuta, the Lord of the Forest.

### Day #3

This morning we travel to the Bay of Islands, and Waitangi. Here we find the Treaty House and the symbolic home of the Treaty of Waitangi which was officially signed here in 1840. Following your time at the Treaty House grounds, we travel back to Paihia for some leisure time. Following lunch, you will join our afternoon cruise to Cape Brett and the Hole in the Rock. In addition, there will be plenty of time for some Dolphin, and hopefully, Whale watching. Following the cruise you may choose to visit the township of Russell before returning to Paihia.

### Day #4

This morning we travel back to Auckland, via Whangarei arriving in Auckland prior to lunch.

is afternoon your coach will depart Auckland and travel south to the Bay of Plenty. On the way you will travel through Waihi which is still a mining settlement. We will visit the Martha Mine Museum and have afternoon tea at Waihi. Following this, we continue on to Tauranga and Mount Maunganui. You will stay the night in Mount Maunganui and have the option of visiting the local Thermal swimming pools. Rest in the cool night air whilst soaking in the warm thermal waters.

### Day #5

This morning we will travel south to Rotorua and see the Rotorua sights before visiting Paradise Valley and Wildlife Park. Tonight, you will attend a traditional Maori Cultural Performance and enjoy a Hangi Dinner.

### Day #6

Today you will visit Te Puia Maori Arts and Crafts Centre in the morning and this afternoon you will have a range of optional activities to choose from or you may choose to just relax.

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➤ *Dinner packages  
available*

**Day #7**

This morning we will travel south to Lake Taupo. Taupo is the largest town in the centre of the North Island and is also the largest volcano in New Zealand. Visit Huka Falls and Craters of the Moon. If you want some real fun, then wait till you see this bungee jump!

After lunch we continue onto Turangi which is located near the base of Mount Tongariro, Mount Ngauruhoe and Mount Ruapehu. At Turangi you will be staying at Tongariro Lodge which is a world renowned trout fishing lodge. Here, you will relax. If you want to you may choose to go trout fishing with a guide or maybe just step onto the front lawn and catch your own trout for dinner in the passing river. A superb dinner is included with your accommodation

**Day #8**

After breakfast we again head south and travel across the Central Plateau before stopping at Waiouru on the Desert Road. At Waiouru you may choose to take time to visit the National Army Museum to view a magnificent display. Take time to check the archives to find your own family. From here we continue south and stop at Foxton for a late lunch before continuing on to Wellington. When we reach Wellington we will visit, Parliament buildings, Te Papa National Museum and go up Mount Victoria for a view of Wellington and the South Island.

**Day #9**

Following breakfast we will board the InterIslander Ferry for a crossing to Picton. (weather dependant). Following lunch at Picton we travel south again to the Christchurch via the Kaikoura Coast which is famous as a whale watching. We will stop at Kaikoura for a break where you may take an optional Whale Watching Scenic Flight. Following this it is on to Christchurch and a well earned rest.

**Day #10**

Today the tour will stay in Christchurch to visit all the sights of Christchurch, the Cathedral, punting on The Avon, Arts Museum and more.

**Day #11**

This morning we will travel west. You transfer to the Tranz Alpine Express for a journey through the Southern Alps. Absolute magic. Your coach will rejoin you at journeys end at Greymouth. From here we travel south, down the rugged West Coast until we reach Franz Josef. We will stay here for 2 nights. .

**Day #12**

Free day at Franz Josef. Enjoy the Alpine beauty, walk the Glacier, take in a scenic flight. So many options to choose from.

**Day #13**

Today it's off to Queenstown. This is New Zealand's winter (and summer!) wonderland. Spectacular scenery from Coronet Peak. Climb The Remarkables, cruise the lake on the TSS Earnslaw, Jet boat rides, vineyards. 2 days here is not nearly enough.

**Day #14**

Free day at Queenstown. Still time for a Bungee Jump! Late this afternoon we will transfer to Te Anau for 2 nights.

**Day #15**

Following breakfast we travel to Milford Sounds for a morning cruise up the Fiord. Following the cruise we return to Te Anau. This afternoon enjoy a tour through the Glow Worm Caves.

**Day #16**

This morning we travel to Dunedin. Visit the Penguin Colony, the Albatross Colony and Larnach Castle. We'll make time for the Speight's brewery.

Accommodation at Dunedin

**Day #17**

Following breakfast it's north to Christchurch via Moeraki Boulders

Afternoon in Christchurch free at your leisure

Farewell dinner and drinks

**Day #18**

This morning following breakfast, you have free until you are transferred to your flight at Christchurch International Airport for your assigned flight time.

**TOUR ENDS**